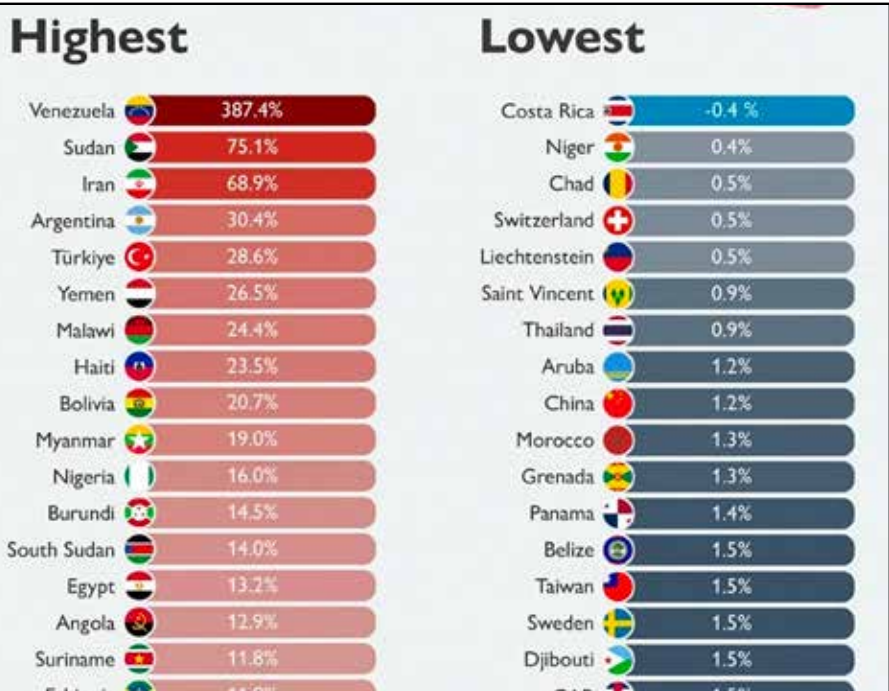




13TH LOWEST INFLATION

BELIZE NAVIGATING INFLATION IN TURBULENT TIMES



A World Economic Outlook release, by the International Monetary Fund (IMF) in April 2026, reported global inflation extremes, with Venezuela listed as having the highest inflation rate at +387.4% and Costa Rica as having the lowest at -0.4%. A publication by BURSA.ro submitted that while Venezuela is struggling with the highest inflation rate, countries in the Caribbean are doing better. Listed are Aruba, Belize, Grenada, Panama, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines and the Bahamas. Belize's inflation rate is projected to increase from the previous rate of 1.5 to 2.9 which is considered on the low end. And while the Opposition UDP and the UDP-inclined media affiliates and sycophants are crying "The Sky is falling," Economists suggest that while falling

prices may seem positive for consumers, sustained deflation can weaken demand, reduce business income, and put pressure on wages. Currently, the inflation indicator for Belize is manageable and its economic history suggests that the country has never suffered a long period of high inflation. Undoubtedly, the global economy is once again caught in the clutches of another crisis at the outset of the war in the Middle East, which heightened at the end of February 2026. Before the situation in the Strait of Hormuz, the global economy, including Belize's, was threatened by Trump's

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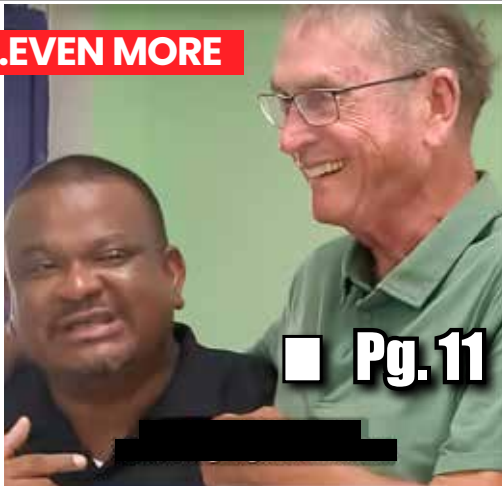


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13TH LOWEST INFLATION RATE IN THE WORLD

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tariffs and headwinds from higher trade barriers. As a matter of fact, the Belizean economy was under threat from the COVID-19 pandemic and the Ukraine/Russia war which caused severe supply chain disruptions. Fortunately, the prowess of the People's United Party (PUP) Government and the pragmatic leadership of the Prime Minister, John Briceño have steered the country through several global turbulences, navigating the geopolitical shifts and the global uncertainties.

In the Executive Summary of an IMF article titled, **WORLD ECONOMIC OUTLOOK: Global Economy in the Shadows of War**, it proffered several pieces of advice to buffer the economic situation of inflation. Interestingly, the Briceño administration has been "ahead of the eight ball" utilising the IMF's strategies to avoid a collapse of the Belizean economy. One such example is that countries should cooperate and take coordinated actions to restore stability in international economic relations, supported by a predictable, transparent, well-communicated trade policy framework. Belize just wrapped up a Belize/Mexico economic summit in-

tended to strengthen economic cooperation and to attract investment between the two countries. Furthermore, Belize has become the bridge of opportunities to the CARICOM region, Central America and neighbouring Mexico.

Central Banks around the world are concentrating their focus on fighting inflation through their macroeconomic policies and mandates of fostering monetary stability. That stability is realised with Belize's "Rock Solid" exchange rate of 2:1. In the fight against inflation the President of Argentina, Javier Milei has decided to switch Argentina's peso for the US dollar. Most importantly are the homegrown buffers of the NHI, the Free Education project and the distribution of the single parent housing project.

Nonetheless, the government acknowledges the existential global uncertainties and geopolitical shifts but remains steadfast in a prudent and pragmatic approach in confronting the inflationary trap in protecting its people especially the most vulnerable sector of society. Inflation is an economic reality but under the John Briceño administration, it is kept at a manageable level.

By Hilly Bennett





ANNOUNCEMENT

The People's United Party invites applications for those wishing to contest the 2027 Municipal Elections in any of the nine municipalities.

Applications are to be submitted in Duplicate: The Original to the PUP Secretariat and a Copy to the Caucus Chair for the respective municipality.

The window for applications is on Monday 1st of June to Friday 19th June, 2026 at 4:00 p.m.

Applications are available at the PUP Secretariat and from the constituency Executive Committee for the municipality in which you wish to contest.



INFORMATION BULLETIN NO. 2 - June 11, 2026

BE ALERT – ROAD AND BRIDGE CONDITIONS

The National Emergency Management Organization advises the public that ongoing excessive rainfall is impacting sections of the country's road network, particularly in the Stann Creek District. Motorists and residents are urged to exercise caution and avoid unnecessary travel in affected areas.

Weather and Rainfall Summary:
While rainfall activity remained moderate yesterday through to the early parts of last night. Very heavy rainfall started affecting mainly central and northern areas after midnight. Kendall in the Stann Creek district recorded the highest amount in this period with a total of 321.4 mm or 12.7in.

Roads, Bridges and Ferries Status Report as of June 11th, 2026

All the affected areas are in the Stann Creek District.

- * Coastal Plan Highway, Mile 16 - Coastal Plain Highway is **IMPASSABLE**
- * Mile 7 on the Hummingbird Highway is **IMPASSABLE**
- * Mountain View Community, Main Road one should **EXERCISE EXTREME CAUTION**

* Hope Creek, Canada Hill Junction, Hope Creek Bridge, one should **EXERCISE EXTREME CAUTION**

* Thomas Vincent Ramos Highway, Kendal Bridge, one should **EXERCISE CAUTION**

SAFETY ADVISORY

- Do not attempt to drive through flooded roadways.
- Slow down when approaching bridges, low-lying areas, and sections of road with standing water.
- Be alert for debris, damaged road surfaces, and rapidly rising water levels.
- Follow instructions from local authorities and emergency personnel.
- Monitor official updates from NEMO, the National Meteorological Service, and the National Hydrological Service of Belize.
- <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100064269956449>

NEMO, in collaboration with local authorities and partner agencies, continues to monitor conditions across the country and will provide updates as necessary.

Areas Affected on the Hummingbird Highway



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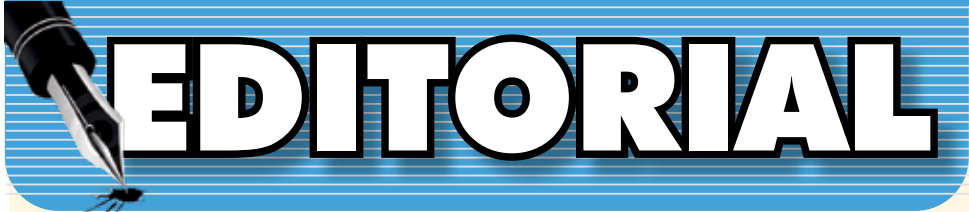
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EDITORIAL

CAVEAT: COMMENTING CHATBOTS

The United Democratic Party is now attached at the hip to AI-driven chatbots with algorithms whose sole intent is to spin any and all topics to misinform the people. Pick any one of the affiliated media houses masquerading as ‘independent’ and observe their headlines, and then go through the almost instant comments attached. Then view some of their unapologetic social media posts that pass themselves off as news. View the comments as well. By jove, the level of UDP-style fake alternative news has to be at least on the border of criminal presentation of news to the Belizean people.

Let's take a few examples:

Even after the government and the facts indicated that a post about an incident at a clinic was pulled, these words still appeared in the headline: ‘Renews Calls to Protect Health Workers’. The question is, when was there a “call” for such? Such terminology, without any scientific backing, is very irresponsible and could be considered misleading. There are no qualms in revealing more information on what the Ministry rightly perceived as medically delicate.

Another example: after revealing that there was an open, long-term contract to provide a service to the government transparently, the story claims it was a “blind spot” in government finances. How can it be a blind spot yet still be available to you? What is a blind spot is the mediation agreement that allowed only some tens of thousands to be paid in silence by a UDP journalist to save hundreds of thousands accrued by a UDP close relative during the UDP years of tyranny. People still want to know the quantum repaid and the reasons.

This is so easy, just follow their headlines, and you will be misled. Here is another, “August Case Fuels debate”. This is a deliberately editorialised headline replacing truths. One can only wonder where and when the debate is. What rules will they follow? Who will participate? What the media failed to say is that they themselves are very interested in fuelling ‘the debate’ in the most political of substrates.

To balance, let's end with a fourth example of another headline that is short of the truth: ‘Why NHI Never Signed A Contract With Lab’. First of all, this story was not the opener; it surfaced days ago. It was presented midway through the newscast. Then, there was a failure to apologise for the media house's initial lack of due diligence and for casting aspersions on a family. Of course, the rush to use the sacred ‘free speech’ card relegated another of their stories to their vast library of embellished and sensationalised sub-items.

In contrast, The Belize Times newspaper speaks for a political party, the People's United Party. We vouch for the truth at the Belize Times and can proudly say that, in the planBelize era since 2020, we have not triggered any lawsuits, as truth and fairness are the hallmarks of this publication. People will read in the Belize Times what most other media will skip or ignore, even if it benefits the people. What we call the UDP media is the relentless use of misleading headlines, manufactured news and dishonest insertion of words and details that make a world of deceitful difference. Instead of devoting time to news, most outlets switch to presenting editorials about any item they can write on. Editorials have their place, but you need to say that it is the opinion of your ‘independent’ news media.

Presenting only the sensational, or even distorting the truth, is not news. People have been found to enjoy that type of news, but when they go to the polls, they know what is good for Belize. This has happened since 2018. The ‘independent’ media has shown its bias toward anti-government sensationalism and negativity rather than pro-Belize, mature journalism and positivity. When these media ignore factually based news that shows people benefiting and Belize excelling, there is an obvious political overtone.

Chatbots in Belize, driven and funded by the UDP and its affiliates, are a real vitriolic add-on to the goal of disrupting Belizean progress by any means necessary. Yes, there are a few Albertos who spew their UDP semantics, and they have every right to do so. But when the line is crossed to deliberately mislead with the clear intention of gaining the favour of thousands with false information, then the computer you used has become a political weapon. It is grossly immature to claim that the cybercrime law was not intended for fake-mongering UDPs who lack any sense of innovation or competence.

The well-known caveat to the Belizean people is to carefully enjoy the “independent” advertisement and politically driven ‘newscasts’ as you have done. Belizeans know how to sieve out the facts from these news items. This nonetheless does not exculpate the attempt to derail the truth. People know they have more and better jobs than before 2020, and that is the bottom line. Let's add access to land, homes, education, and health care, and there is no reason to return and go off track. Belizeans will continue supporting progress and the planBelize way.

en Español

ADVERTENCIA: LOS CHATBOTS QUE PUBLICAN COMENTARIOS

El Partido Unido Democrático está ahora indisolublemente ligado a chatbots basados en inteligencia artificial, con algoritmos cuyo único objetivo es manipular cualquier tema para desinformar a la población. Elige cualquiera de los medios de comunicación afiliados que se hacen pasar por «independientes» y fíjate en sus titulares; a continuación, echa un vistazo a los comentarios que aparecen casi al instante. Después, lee algunas de sus publicaciones en redes sociales que no se cortan un pelo y se hacen pasar por noticias. Eche también un vistazo a los comentarios. Por Dios, el nivel de las noticias alternativas y falsas al estilo del UDP tiene que estar, como mínimo, al borde de la presentación criminal de noticias al pueblo beliceño.

Veamos algunos ejemplos:

Incluso después de que el Gobierno y los hechos indicaran que se había retirado una publicación sobre un incidente en una clínica, estas palabras seguían apareciendo en el titular: «Se renuevan los llamamientos para proteger a los trabajadores sanitarios». La pregunta es: ¿Cuándo hubo un «llamamiento» para tal fin? Esa terminología, sin respaldo científico alguno, es muy irresponsable y podría considerarse engañosa. No hay reparos en revelar más información sobre lo que el Ministerio percibió acertadamente como médicamente delicado.

Otro ejemplo: tras revelar que existía un contrato abierto y a largo plazo para prestar un servicio al Gobierno de forma transparente, el artículo afirma que se trataba de un «punto ciego» en las finanzas públicas. ¿Cómo puede ser un punto ciego si, sin embargo, tú tenías acceso a él? Lo que sí es un punto ciego es el acuerdo de mediación que permitió que un periodista del UDP pagara en silencio solo unas decenas de miles para salvar los cientos de miles acumulados por un pariente cercano del UDP durante los años de tiranía del partido. La gente sigue queriendo conocer la cuantía devuelta y los motivos.

Es muy fácil: basta con seguir sus titulares y te engañarán. Aquí hay otro: «El caso de August aviva el debate». Este es un titular deliberadamente editorializado que sustituye a la verdad. Uno no puede sino preguntarse dónde y cuándo tiene lugar el debate. ¿Qué reglas seguirán? ¿Quién participará? Lo que los medios no dijeron es que ellos mismos están muy interesados en avivar «el debate» en el sustrato más político.

Para equilibrar, terminemos con un cuarto ejemplo de otro titular que se aleja de la verdad: «¿Por qué el NHI nunca firmó un contrato con el Lab?». En primer lugar, esta noticia no fue la primera; salió a la luz hace unos días. Se presentó a la mitad del noticiario. Además, no se pidió disculpas por la falta de diligencia inicial del medio de comunicación ni por haber difamado a una familia. Por supuesto, la prisa por jugar la sagrada carta de la «libertad de expresión» relegó otra de sus noticias a su vasta biblioteca de subnotas adornadas y sensacionalistas.

Por el contrario, el periódico The Belize Times es el portavoz del Partido Unido del Pueblo. En The Belize Times defendemos la verdad y podemos afirmar con orgullo que, en la era de planBelize desde 2020, no hemos sido objeto de ninguna demanda judicial, ya que la verdad y la imparcialidad son los sellos distintivos de esta publicación. En The Belize Times, los lectores encontrarán lo que la mayoría de los demás medios omiten o ignoran, incluso si beneficia a la población. Lo que llamamos los medios del UDP es el uso implacable de titulares engañosos, noticias inventadas y la inserción deshonestas de palabras y detalles que marcan una enorme diferencia en el engaño. En lugar de dedicar tiempo a las noticias, la mayoría de los medios pasan a presentar editoriales sobre cualquier tema en el que puedan escribir. Las editoriales tienen su lugar, pero hay que decir que se trata de la opinión de su medio de comunicación «independiente».

Presentar solo lo sensacionalista, o incluso distorsionar la verdad, no es noticia. Se ha visto que a la gente le gusta ese tipo de noticias, pero cuando acuden a las urnas, saben lo que es bueno para Belice. Esto ocurre desde 2018. Los medios «independientes» han mostrado su sesgo hacia el sensacionalismo y la negatividad antigubernamental, en lugar de hacia un periodismo maduro y positivo a favor de Belice. Cuando estos medios ignoran las noticias basadas en hechos que muestran cómo la gente se beneficia y Belice destaca, hay un claro trasfondo político.

Los chatbots en Belice, impulsados y financiados por el UDP y sus afiliados, son un complemento verdaderamente virulento del objetivo de obstaculizar el progreso de Belice por cualquier medio necesario. Sí, hay algunos Albertos que vomitan la retórica del UDP, y tienen todo el derecho a hacerlo. Pero cuando se cruza la línea para engañar deliberadamente, con la clara intención de ganarse el favor de miles de personas mediante información falsa, entonces el ordenador que has utilizado se ha convertido en un arma política. Es tremendamente inmaduro afirmar que la ley contra los delitos informáticos no estaba destinada a los UDP que difunden noticias falsas y carecen de cualquier sentido de la innovación o de la competencia.

La conocida sugerencia al pueblo beliceño es que disfrute con cautela de la publicidad «independiente» y de los noticiarios con motivaciones políticas, tal y como ha hecho hasta ahora. Los beliceños saben cómo separar los hechos de estas noticias. No obstante, esto no exime del intento de desvirtuar la verdad. La gente sabe que tiene más y mejores empleos que antes de 2020, y esa es la conclusión. Si a esto le sumamos el acceso a la tierra, la vivienda, la educación y la asistencia sanitaria, no hay motivo para dar marcha atrás y desviarnos del camino. Los beliceños seguirán apoyando el progreso y el enfoque de planBelize.



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OLACDE Report

90 Per cent of Renewable Energy Output

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Following a OCADE Experts meet- ing hosted right here in Belize, it was revealed that Belize ranked fifth among twenty-seven countries in the region for renewable energy share, with 90.9 per- cent of its electricity generation coming from renewable sources. Only Paraguay (100%), Costa Rica (97.8%), Uruguay (96.5%), and Ecuador (91.6%) ranked higher. Colombia, Brazil, and Venezuela also featured in the top tier. This admira- tion via stats comes as we are in the midst of installing massive solar farms that are now poised to take us closer to what Par- aguay has—100 percent—and closer to Energy solo sufficiency.

According to online information from La Organización Latinoamericana y Cari- beña de Energía, Latin America and the Caribbean produced 171 terawatt-hours (TWh) of electricity in January 2026, a 9.6 percent increase over the previous month, driven largely by a recovery in hydropower output following an easing of hydrological constraints across regional power systems.

Across the region, renewables ac- counted for 66 percent of the total energy mix, with hydropower alone making up 44.5 percent of regional generation. Nat-

ural gas remained the dominant fossil fuel source at 23.8 percent, serving pri- marily as a flexible backup resource for grids with high penetration of variable renewables.It is clear that clean energy dominates as renewables accounted for 66% of the total energy mix, with hydro- power serving as the structural back- bone.

OLADE tracks, consolidates, and publishes official energy statistics and generation data for its 27 member coun- tries across Latin America and the Car- ibbean to monitor energy sector perfor- mance. They evaluate member countries' energy matrices through specific crite- ria: According to OLADE's electricity reports, the countries that exert the most significant influence on overall regional energy generation growth are (in order of importance) Brazil, Mexico, Argenti- na, Chile, and Colombia. In Energy Tran- sition Readiness statistics for broader energy transition benchmarks, OLADE collaborates with the World Economic Forum on their Energy Transition Index.

For context, at the very send of May 2026, the Government of Belize, through the Ministry of Public Utilities, Energy and Logistics, had proudly hosted the LXV Meeting of the Council of Experts of the OLACDE by bringing together tech- nical experts and energy representatives from across Latin America and the Car- ibbean. Over two days of sessions, par- ticipants addressed the current energy crisis and explored forward-looking top- ics such as artificial intelligence, circular economy, and the electrification of new energy demands. Notably, Minister Che- bat announced that Belize has launched a tender for 80 megawatts (MW) of solar photovoltaic capacity, complemented by the deployment of 40 MW of battery en- ergy storage systems (BESS) to enhance grid reliability, flexibility, and resilience. "This initiative is not simply about adding megawatts to the grid. It is about transform- ing the way we think about energy securi- ty,"

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Deadline: July 21st, 2026, at 10:00 a.m. (Local Belize Time)

The Government of Belize has received loan financing from the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB) for the implementation of the Sustainable and Inclusive Urban Development Program.

The Ministry of Finance, through its Central Executing Unit, intends to allocate a portion of the Program's proceeds to procure the services of a Company for the "Design and Construction of Market Complex, Orange Walk Town, Belize", and invites eligible and qualified bidders to submit sealed bids for these works.

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NOTICE

NOTICE UNDER REGULATION 7(1) OF THE FISCAL INCENTIVES REGULATIONS CHAPTER 54 OF THE LAWS OF BELIZE, Edition 2023

It is hereby notified for general information that the principals of **Caribbean International Brewery Co. Ltd (CIB)** (hereinafter called 'the Company') submitted an application for an Approved Enterprise Order under the Fiscal Incentives Act, Chapter 54 of the Laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2023.

The Company currently manufacture beer, soft drinks, and drinking water. It intends to expand its product portfolio to include whisky, gin, vodka, rum, and mixed cocktails for the Belizean market. The company operates from Carmelita Village, Orange Walk District, Belize.

Any person who desires to object to the granting of a fiscal incentive may submit a letter of objection, not more than seven days after the date of the second publication of the Notice of Application for the Fiscal Incentive.

The letter of objection shall be in writing and include any evidence in support of any claims made addressed to the Executive Director, Belize Trade and Investment Development Service, on or before June 18th, 2026, to executive.director@bel-trade.bz or call at 880-3737.

Kevin Bernard

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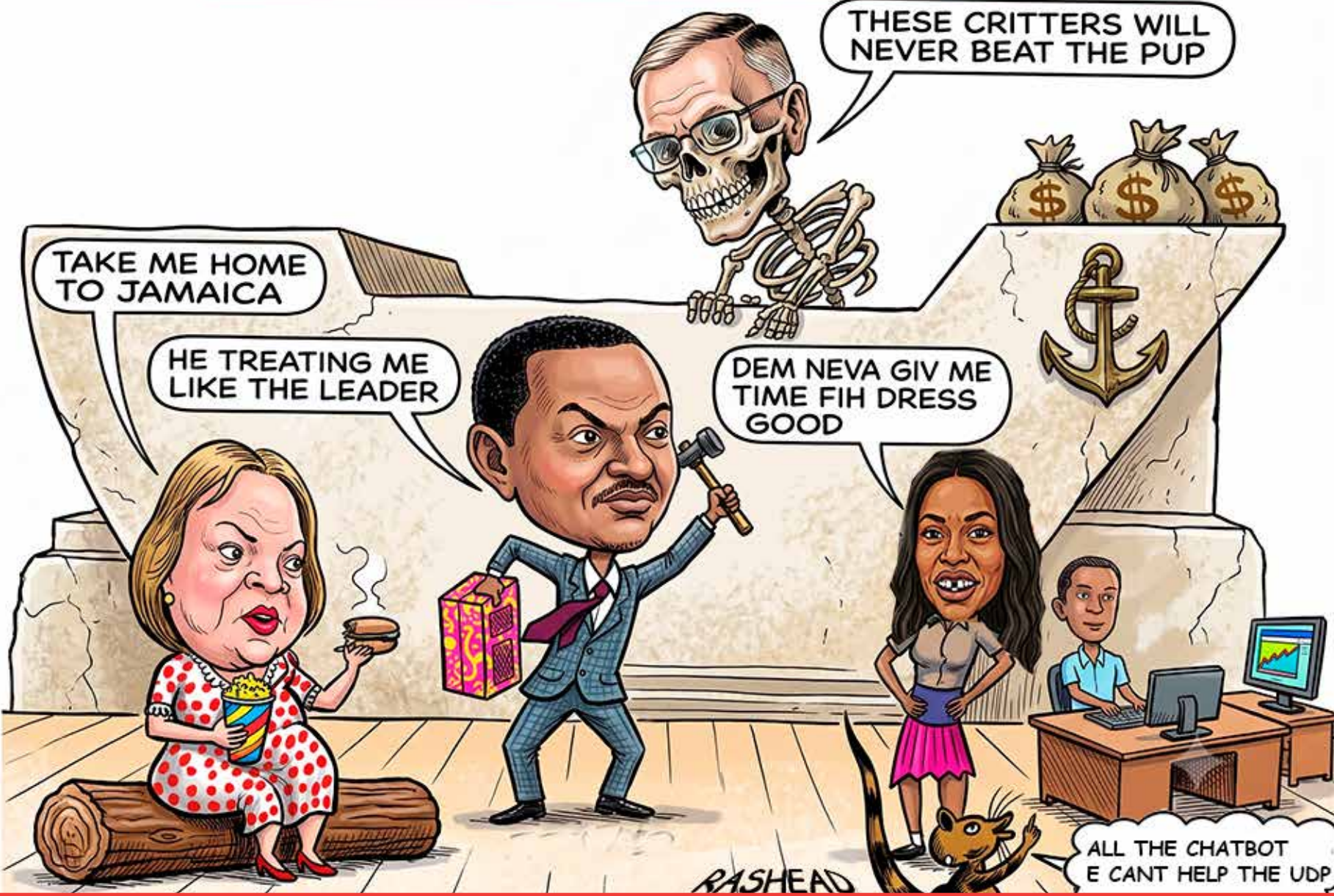
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—De la Frontera al Futuro: Chetumal, Quintana Roo como Plataforma Estratégica para Nuevos Mercados—

The Office of the Prime Minister and Ministry of Investment, through the Investment Policy and Compliance Unit (IPCU) and BELTRAIDE, participated in the IX AMERIC Business Summit 2026, held from June 4–7, 2026, under the theme “De la Frontera al Futuro: Chetumal, Quintana Roo como Plataforma Estratégica para Nuevos Mercados,” at the Dreams Sapphire Resort & Spa in Puerto Morelos, Quintana Roo, Mexico.

The invitation for the Ministry of Investment to participate was issued by the summit organizer, AMERIC AC, a Mexican association with more than 560 businesses in the construction sector, including manufacturers and service providers. Belize, alongside the Government of the Mexican State of Quintana Roo, delivered a presentation titled “Development of New Markets for Mexico through Chetumal,” highlighting the Belize/Mexico border region as a logistics, industrial, and commercial corridor connecting Mexico with Belize and the wider CARICOM market.

Belize’s participation in the summit allowed the Ministry of Investment to emphasize the growing partnership between Belize and the Mexican State of Quintana Roo, and the opportunities to expand trade, improve logistics and infrastructure, and attract in-



vestment. Belize’s role as a gateway to the CARICOM market and its growing integration into regional supply chains were also highlighted.

The Port of Belize Project was also featured as a major initiative that is being designed to leverage the manufacturing, maritime, and logistics capacity held between southern Mexico and Belize, and to use these to stimulate market entry of new products into CARICOM member states.

Participating companies from Mexico included: Poliflex, Kobrex, Argos, Tecnotray, Cross Line/Expo Electrica, Hubbell, Condumex, and Trade Electric, along with representatives from the Secretaría de Desarrollo Económico of Quintana Roo and the Office of the Governor of the Mexican State of Quintana Roo. Representing the Government of Belize were Mr. Lincoln Blake, Director of the Investment Policy and Compliance Unit, Ministry of Investment, and Mr. Ishmael Quiroz, Executive Director of BELTRAIDE, accompanied by technical staff from both organizations. (release)



Good News in Transport

Dear Editor,

I heard the Minister of Transport repeat the planed transition of later this year to the first set of electric buses. This would then lead to a fleet of fully Electric buses. It is the hope of every Belizean that those other than NBC would follow suit. The in-bus cameras and other specs to ensure a safer and comfortable experience is truly waited upon. Thanks NBC for being a good example... hope you are noticed and followed.

Maybe I missed the mention, but still cannot wait when I can buy my ticket online from my town to the city where I and many work. All non-border towns deserve to be able to go to the terminal with a reserved seat. Ofc, I would like to buy this ticket from days in advance as well. I am sure that this upgrade will see local tourism INCREASE right along the commuter satisfaction.

Shhh....I would love to plan a staycation using ONLY our bus services even on Public and Bank holidays.

I took some time to check on the resiliency of electric buses. What I found is remarkable. The electric vehicle needs to be taken care of like any other vehicles—tires, oil, brakes etc. The electrical component that is the core of what makes it electric lasts for us over 10 plus solid years. Wow....

Let’s also get our terminal workers, better job condition and they will yield better service. In ALL decision keep us commuters in mind FIRST. Sorry bus owners, your business should not thrive while we suffer. Your business should thrive when we are in comfort and served well. All of us want to bring bread to the table sustainably and fairly.

Yours,
PUP Commuter



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- PHYSICAL ABUSE
- CYBERSTALKING AND ONLINE HARASSMENT

UNDERSTANDING THE DOMESTIC VIOLENCE (PROHIBITION) BILL, 2026
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PLAN BELIZE 2.0 ADVANCES

June 4 Reading of Bills at House of Representatives Sitting National Assembly of Belize

11 June 2026 - The Government of Belize advanced a broad package of social, economic, and legislative initiatives during the Special Sitting of the House of Representatives on June 4, with debates centering on investments in early childhood education, women’s empowerment, disaster preparedness, school infrastructure, criminal justice reform, and stronger protections for survivors of domestic violence.

The most prominent among them is that of financing for the Belize Early Childhood Development and Women Empowerment Project. This project has been designed for an estimated worth of around BZ\$47 million from a US\$23.5 million loan provided by the International Development Association, with other grants supplementing its funding, and is dedicated to increasing women’s participation in the labor force by providing them with quality early childhood development services.

This project will fund the construction and expansion of preschool facilities, provide support for Early Childhood Care and Education practitioners, strengthen service delivery systems, and enhance partnerships with communities and the private sector. It also includes a built-in emergency response component that can be activated during national crises.



Hon. Louis Zabaneh, during the debate, said, “An investment in early childhood education yields lifelong cognitive, social, and economic benefits. Early childhood education is one of the most important investments you can make,” he said.

The initiative received support from both sides of the House and is expected to be implemented through collaboration among the Ministries of Finance, Education, and Human Development.

Lawmakers also approved a motion allowing Belize to access up to US\$25 million in contingent financing from the Inter-American Development Bank to strengthen the country’s response to natural disasters and public health emergencies. This is designed to provide rapid access to funding following severe weather events, health crises, or other emergencies that may place pressure on national resources.

Hon. Henry Charles Usher welcomed bipartisan support for the measure, “Belize



is at risk for natural disasters, and we have to be able to be ready if we have a hazard affecting our country. It certainly is an example of proper fiscal planning.”

Another education-focused initiative debated during the sitting was a US\$3

million concessional loan from the CARICOM Development Fund. The financing will support school development projects in Corozal and Belmopan through the construction and improvement of safe, inclusive, and climate-resilient facilities. The programme will also provide educational resources and teacher development opportunities aimed at improving learning outcomes.

On the legislative front, the Alternative Sentencing (Amendment) Bill, 2026, was introduced as part of the Government’s continuing criminal justice reform agenda. The bill seeks to expand the categories of offences eligible for alternative sentencing and provide courts with greater flexibility when imposing sanctions that focus on rehabilitation rather than incarceration for suitable offenders.

Presenting the measure, Hon. Kareem

Musa explained that the proposed amendments stem from recommendations made by a subcommittee of the Criminal Justice Board following a comprehensive review of the law.

“This inclusive approach ensures a comprehensive effort to address systemic challenges and enhance effectiveness and efficiency in the criminal justice system,” Musa said while outlining the collaborative work undertaken by judges, prosecutors, law enforcement officials, social workers, and civil society representatives.

The House also passed the Domestic and Intimate Partner Violence (Prohibition) Bill, 2026. The legislation replaces the existing Domestic Violence Act and introduces expanded protections for survivors.

Minister of Human Development, Family Support and Gender Affairs, Hon. Thea Garcia-Ramirez, “This Bill represents one of the most significant advancements in the protection of women, children, and families in Belize.”

The legislation broadens the definition of abuse to include emotional, psychological, economic, coercive, and technology-facilitated violence. It also improves access to protection orders, strengthens institutional accountability, promotes inter-agency coordination, and introduces survivor-centered support measures, including pathways for counselling, relocation assistance, and financial relief.

In addition to these headline measures, seven bills were introduced during the sitting, including amendments relating to the Development Finance Corporation, National Security Council, Belize International Financial Services Association, and Criminal Code. Lawmakers also considered legislation concerning Belize Electricity investments and the protection of geographical indications.

The House later completed the third readings and passage of the National Health Insurance Authority Bill, and the Caribbean Community (Free Movement and Contingent Rights) Bill, marking another significant milestone in the implementation of the Government’s Plan Belize 2.0 agenda.

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Second Reading

Domestic Violence (Prohibition) Bill, 2026

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THEA GARCIA-RAMIREZ

Minister of Human Development,
Family Support and Gender Affairs



Madam Speaker,

I rise today in strong support of the Domestic Violence (Prohibition) Bill, 2026.

This Bill represents one of the most significant advancements in the protection of women, children, and families in Belize. It is the result of careful consultation, review of existing legislation, engagement with stakeholders, and reflection on the experiences of survivors of domestic and intimate partner violence across our country.

At its core, this Bill recognizes that domestic violence is not a private family matter. It is a matter of public concern. It is an issue that affects the health, safety, economic wellbeing, and development of our nation. For too long, many victims, primarily women and girls, have suffered in silence. Many have endured physical violence, emotional abuse, coercive control, financial deprivation, intimidation, stalking, and threats. Many have remained trapped in dangerous situations because they lacked the resources, support systems, or legal protections necessary to leave. The existing Domestic Violence Act has served Belize for many years and has provided important legal remedies. However, experience has shown us that the current framework is no longer sufficient to address the evolving realities of domestic violence. As policymakers, we have a responsibility to ensure that our laws keep pace with the realities faced by our citizens.

Madam Speaker,

This Bill modernizes Belize's approach to domestic violence in several important ways.

First, it broadens the scope of protection. Domestic violence does not occur only within marriage or within households where couples live together. We know that violence often occurs in dating relationships, former relationships, and other intimate partnerships where individuals may not share a residence. This legislation recognizes that reality. It also expands the understanding of abuse beyond physical violence to include emotional abuse, psychological abuse, economic abuse, coercive control, and technology-facilitated abuse, including cyberstalking and harassment through digital platforms. These forms of violence are real. They cause profound harm. They often precede physical violence and, in the most tragic cases, can escalate into serious injury or death.

Madam Speaker,

This Bill improves access to protection. One of the recurring concerns raised by survivors and service providers is the difficulty of obtaining timely assistance during moments of crisis. Violence does not occur only during business hours and victims should not be forced to wait until the next working day to seek safety. This legislation removes unnecessary procedural barriers, allows for more accessible ap-

plication processes, supports electronic and virtual procedures where appropriate, and provides mechanisms for urgent intervention when a person's safety is at immediate risk.

Importantly, the Bill also allows applications to be made not only by survivors themselves, but by police officers, social workers, and other authorized individuals in circumstances where intervention is necessary. This reflects the reality that many victims may be afraid, traumatized, intimidated, or otherwise unable to seek assistance on their own.

Madam Speaker,

This Bill strengthens accountability. It requires institutions that are responsive, coordinated, and survivor-centred. The legislation clearly outlines the responsibilities of law enforcement officers to respond promptly, conduct risk assessments, enforce protection orders, and connect survivors to support services. The Ministry of Human Development, Family Support and Gender Affairs has consistently advocated for stronger inter-agency collaboration because we understand that domestic violence cannot be addressed by any single institution acting alone. The police, the courts, social workers, healthcare providers, educators, community organizations, and government agencies must all work together to ensure that survivors receive comprehensive support. The Bill includes a provision for the implementation of multi-sectoral protocols that detail the services and interventions of each agency.

Madam Speaker,

Perhaps one of the most transformative aspects of this Bill is its commitment to a survivor-centred approach. For many victims, leaving an abusive relationship is a legal and an economic decision. It is a housing decision. It is a childcare decision. It is a decision that can affect every aspect of a person's life. This Bill recognizes those realities. It provides pathways for financial relief, counselling, legal assistance, relocation support, and other services that can help survivors rebuild their lives with dignity and independence. It also includes protections for privacy and safeguards that reduce the risk of further trauma during legal proceedings.

Madam Speaker,

Effective policymaking requires evidence. The Bill therefore strengthens our ability to collect and utilize data. By promoting improved coordination and standardized data collection across relevant agencies, Belize will be better equipped to understand the prevalence and patterns of domestic violence, identify service gaps, allocate resources effectively, and evaluate the impact of its interventions.

Madam Speaker,

This Bill is survivor-centred. It broadens the scope of protection, improves access to protection services, enhances coordination efforts, strengthens accountability of service providers, and allows us to better measure the impact of our interventions.

I therefore commend the Domestic Violence (Prohibition) Bill, 2026 to this Honourable House and urge all Members to support its passage.

Thank you.



NATIONAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT ORGANIZATION (NEMO)

INVITATION TO BID

SUPPLY AND DELIVERY OF HUMANITARIAN EMERGENCY RESPONSE SUPPLIES

The National Emergency Management Organization (NEMO), acting through the Ministry of the Public Service, Governance and Disaster Risk Management, hereby invites eligible and qualified bidders to submit sealed bids for the **Supply and Delivery of Humanitarian Emergency Response Supplies** for the period **July 20, 2026 to August 14, 2026**. The bidding will be conducted on a Lot basis under the following categories:

LOT NO.	CATEGORY
1	Emergency Family Food Package
2	Family Hygiene Kit
3	Household Cleaning Items
4	Foam Mattresses
5	Purified Water

All interested bidders may contact the National Emergency Coordinator of the National Emergency Management Organization at the address below to obtain, in person, the **complete package of the bidding documents**, or download the bid package free of charge from procurement.gov.bz. There are no fees for the bidding documents. Bidders must meet the minimum requirements as indicated in the **Instructions to Bidders**.

The Tender Package must be collected from the National Emergency Coordinator of the National Emergency Management Organization at the address provided below during normal working hours. All tender submissions must be returned to the address below no later than **10:00 a.m. on Friday, June 19, 2026**. Late bids will be rejected. All bids shall be accompanied by a **Bid Securing Declaration** as specified in the Instructions to Bidders, together with the completed Specifications and Schedule of Requirements (Excel price file, all prices entered) on a USB flash drive inside the sealed bid.

On Friday, June 5, 2026, at 10:00 a.m. a pre-bid meeting will be held at the National Emergency Management Organization at the address provided below.

The address referred to above is:

National Emergency Coordinator
National Emergency Management Organization
Melhado Parade
City of Belmopan
Belize
Tel: (501) 822-2054 / 822-2058
Email: nemohqbmp@nemo.org.bz

PATRICK’S YACHT MOMENT ON DRY LAND

Patrick had his ‘yacht’ moment with ‘the lord’ this past Wednesday, except he was not exactly on a yacht like his party leader and chair-lady, but on dry land not too far from the old colonial residence of the governor in ancient days. One thing about ‘the lord’, whenever he owns something or someone, he likes to mark his territory. Evidently, that’s what his true purpose was.

We’re happy for the students of the high school for the modest assistance granted, although 95 thousand dollars’ worth of computer equipment is not exactly the most charitable donation a billionaire could afford. But, if anyone wondered what the lord’s true purpose was, all doubts were removed when he opened his mouth and locked Patrick in an embrace that seemed more like

a chokehold. He made it clear that this was also about politics and his relationship with the now senator most famous for kicking a door, head-butting a woman, and taunting the Police. That relationship is, of course, a master and puppet kind of thing. So condescending was the moment, we almost felt embarrassed for poor Patrick. And, if we had any doubt who owns him, his current leader and their party, now we know for sure. Thank you, lord!



Look Who’s Talking about Healthcare!

If you listen to the UDP talkers and pay their idle bloggers any attention, you would think they must have some respectable record to stand on with respect to healthcare in this country. They seem to be counting on the fact that humans generally have short memory. But their neglect and destruction of the Health Sector was so disgraceful and catastrophic in the 13 years they spent in Government from early 2008 to late 2020 that there is no way Belizeans could ever forget, even if we try. How can we forget the shocking episode of a raccoon falling from the ceiling in the Emergency Ward at the Karl Heusner Memorial Hospital (KMH) in February, 2020? The incredible story sounded like folklore or fable as told by the son of a patient, as he was monitoring his mother’s heart rate and blood pressure. But this was no Anansi Story; it was for real. “It fell on a night table and ran on to the bed where my mother was, and came only inches from her head,” he related. This happening only months before the Dean Barrow UDP administration was overwhelmingly voted out of office, it punctuated the most shameful and scandalous period in the handling of Healthcare by any government in Belize. Much earlier in the administration’s three-term tenure, there was the terrifying rodent infestation at Western Regional Hospital in the nation’s Capital (Belmopan) where rats had taken over the food pantry room, one even entering an incubator in the Nursery and biting a newborn baby on the foot. And then there was the alarming situation at the KMH back in 2013 when 13 babies died in the hospital in the short span of 22 days. It was eventually blamed on a bacteria, but also raised serious questions about unit overcrowding, lack of specially trained staff, and compromised hospital infrastructure. Then, there was the glaring mismanagement and theft of hospital funds, most notably and acutely emerging at Southern Regional Hospital in Dangriga, where in one instance over \$366,000 (well over Quarter Million, in fact closer to Half a Million) went missing, according to the Auditor General. There is yet to be offered a plausible explanation as to how such a huge sum of money disappeared or where it went. Those were funds from the government’s own coffers. But the country also lost millions in free money from abroad, specifically a \$30 million grant from the European Union (EU). The cancellation of that grant was blamed euphemistically on administrative and procedural issues within the Ministry of Health at the time. To put it bluntly, it was incompetence, gross neglect and misplaced priorities by the UDP Minister of Health and his CEO. That UDP Minister of Health, Pablo Marin, was apparently too busy acquiring valuable residential land in Belmopan, even annexing and fencing in a portion of Philip Goldson Boulevard as part of his private property. Such was the state of the Health System in Belize in those sordid years of that UDP administration. And Tracy Panton was right there in Cabinet for a good portion of those 13 years of UDP neglect, abandonment and fleecing of the health sector. So, when they come now criticizing and trying to take apart this PUP administration’s bold Healthcare plan that is unfolding before our very eyes, including the rollout of National Health Insurance (NHI) across the country, one has to exclaim, look who’s talking about Healthcare! The UDP of all people!



REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST CONSULTING SERVICES

Deadline Extension

Country: Belize
Project: Water and Sanitation Program for Rural Areas
Loan/Credit/Grant No.: BL-L1045 (5753/OC-BL)
Institution: Belize Social Investment Fund
Abstract: National consultancy to Design and Implement Training Programs for Village Water Boards with Gender and Diversity Approach in the selected beneficiary local
Contract/Bid No.: BL-L1045-P00009
Deadline: June 26, 2026

The Government of Belize (GOBZ) has received financing from the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB), towards the cost of the Water and Sanitation Program for Rural Areas and intends to apply part of the proceeds for consulting services. The consulting services (“the Services”) for *National consultancy to Design and Implement Training Programs for Village Water Boards with Gender and Diversity Approach in the selected beneficiary local*. The objective is to strengthen the institutional capacity of VWBs through comprehensive training, enhancing their technical, financial, and management capabilities, and fostering inclusive participation, particularly of women and underrepresented groups in the water sector.

Scope of Services

- 1.1. Needs assessment and Training
 - Conduct an initial assessment to identify current knowledge gaps and training needs in O&M, financial management, and water source protection, with emphasis on climate change mitigation and adaptation.
 - Engage with key stakeholders to compile relevant existing resources, enabling the development of materials that build upon established work.
 - Develop a gender-sensitive and culturally tailored training curriculum that addresses identified needs and aligns with local contexts.
- 1.2. Training Implementation
 - Conduct training sessions covering effective O&M practices, financial planning, and sustainable water resource management, integrating climate change considerations and strategies to address drought, flooding, and forest fires.
- 1.3. Monitoring and Evaluation
 - Develop a framework to measure training outcomes and participant progress.
 - Conduct pre- and post-training assessments to evaluate the effectiveness of the training and provide feedback for continuous improvement.

The BSIF now invites eligible consulting firms (“Consultants”) to indicate their interest in providing the Services. Interested Consultants should provide information demonstrating that they have the required qualifications and relevant experience to perform the Services.

From the expressions of interest received, the Executing Agency will prepare a short list comprising not fewer than five (5) and not more than eight (8) eligible firms.

Consultants will be selected in accordance with the procedures set out in the Inter-American Development Bank: Policies for the Selection and Contracting of Consultants financed by the Inter-American Development Bank GN-2350-15 and is open to all eligible bidders as defined in the policies.

Consultants may associate with other firms in the form of a joint venture to enhance their qualifications. For the purpose of establishing the short list, the nationality of a firm is that of the country in which it is legally incorporated or constituted and in the case of Joint Venture, the nationality of the firm appointed to represent it.

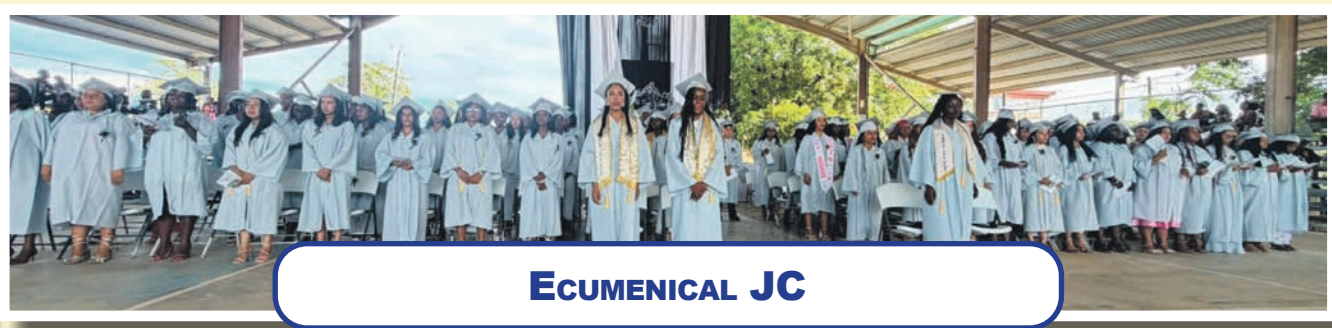
In the assessment of submissions, consideration will be given to consulting firms’ technical competence, qualifications and experience in relation to providing services in design and implementing water resource management or similar water sector training programs, as well as local and regional experience, and existing commitments. Technical competence of Key Experts will not be evaluated at the shortlisting stage.

A Consultant will be selected in accordance with the **QCBS method** set out in the Consultant Policies. Further information can be obtained at the address below during office hours of **8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Monday to Friday (Local Belize Time), except on Public Holidays.**

Expressions of interest must be delivered in a written form to the address below (in person, or by mail, or by e-mail) by **June 26, 2026 at 2:00 p.m.** The submission should include the name and address of the applicant and shall be clearly marked **“Expression of Interest – Consultancy to Design and Implement Training Programs for Village Water Boards with Gender and Diversity Approach”**

Attention:
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Belize Social Investment Fund
Building C, 4253 Hummingbird Highway
Belmopan, Belize
Telephone: 822-0239 or 822-0508/9
E-mail: kyla.cho@sifbelize.org
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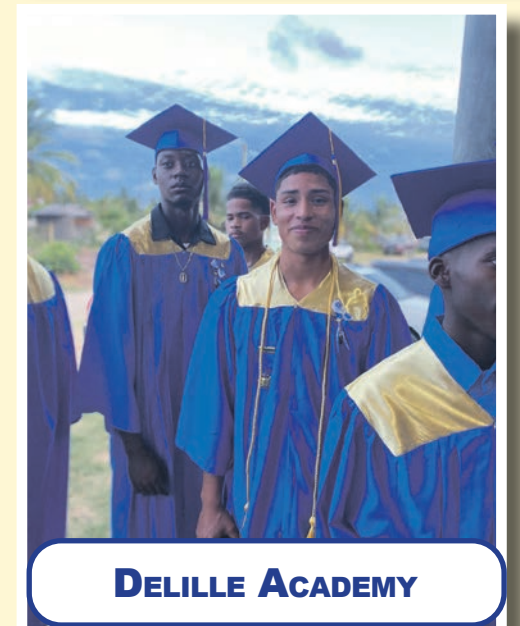
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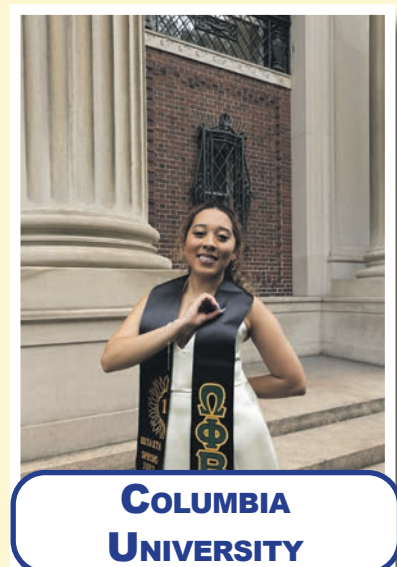
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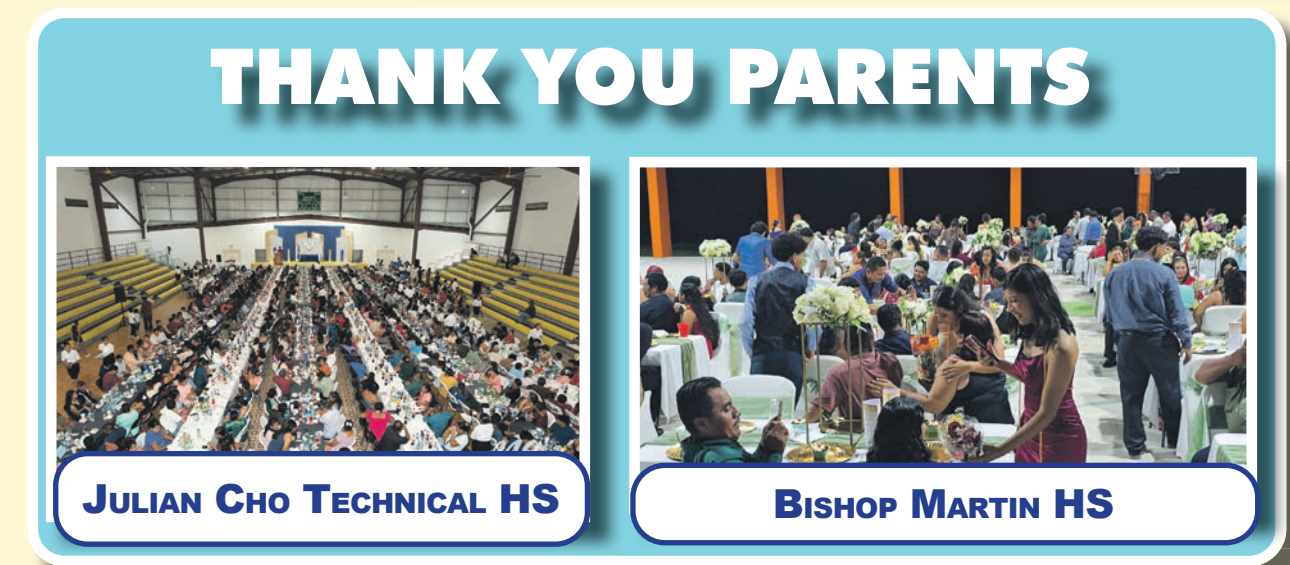
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FOR BELIZE AND THE WATER & SANITATION SECTOR



Belize has officially been chosen as the host country for LatinoSan 2029, a major milestone for the national water and sanitation sector. The selection reflects Belize's growing leadership in water and sanitation and was formally accepted by BWSL Executive Chairman Cornelio Acosta at LatinoSan 2026 in Punta Cana, Dominican Republic.



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Belize has been selected as the next host country for the Latin American Sanitation Conference (LatinoSan 2029), following its unanimous and successful nomination at the 2026 LatinoSan Conference held in Punta Cana, Dominican Republic. The nomination was formally accepted by the Dominican Republic's Minister of Public Health, Dr. Victor Atala, with Belize represented by Belize Water Services Limited (BWSL) Executive Chairman Cornelio Acosta.

LatinoSan is the premier regional forum on water, sanitation, and hygiene in Latin America and the Caribbean. Held every three years, the conference brings together government leaders, utilities, development partners, academics, and civil society organizations to share experiences, advance public policy, and promote innovative solutions that improve access to safe water and sanitation services across the region. Over the years, LatinoSan has played

a significant role in shaping policies, strengthening regional cooperation, and driving investments that improve public health and sustainable development.

Belize's selection marks a historic milestone, as it will become the first English-speaking country to host LatinoSan. This achievement highlights Belize's growing leadership in the water and sanitation sector and provides an opportunity to showcase the country's progress, innovation, and commitment to sustainable development. Hosting the conference will also strengthen Belize's engagement with regional partners and elevate its profile as a bridge between the English-speaking Caribbean and Latin America.

The decision reflects confidence in Belize's capacity to convene regional leaders and stakeholders to continue advancing the shared goal of universal access to safe water and sanitation throughout Latin America and the Caribbean.



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REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST
(INDIVIDUAL CONSULTANTS) -
MONITORING AND EVALUATION
SPECIALIST AND SOCIAL SPECIALIST



Institution: Ministry of Finance
Country: Belize
Project: Program to Improve Labor Force Participation and Employability in Belize
Process ID: BL-L1050
Duration: Twenty-four (24) Months
Duty Station: Ministry of Finance, Belmopan, Belize (In Office)
Deadline: **June 22nd, 2026, at 10:00 a.m. (Local Belize Time)**
(EXTENSION)

The Government of Belize has received loan financing from the Inter-American Development Bank for the execution of the "Program to Improve Labor Force Participation and Employability in Belize", being implemented by the Ministry of Finance (MOF).

The MOF, through its Central Executing Unit, intends to apply a portion of the proceeds of the Project financing to engage the contractual services of the following key positions, for the execution of the Program:

- Monitoring and Evaluation Specialist**
- Social Specialist**

The MOF invites suitably qualified individuals to access the full versions of the Request for Expressions of Interest (REOI) and Terms of Reference for these two (2) positions at <http://procurement.gov.bz/opportunities/>, and to submit application packages in accordance with the instructions provided in the full versions of the REOI.

ATTN:
Procurement Specialist
Ministry of Finance
2nd Floor, Sir Edney Cain Building, Belmopan
procurement@ceu.mof.gov.bz



Ref: Individual Consultancy – "Name of Position" – Program to Improve Labor Force Participation and Employability in Belize– [Name of Applicant]

June 21 Means SUMMER is Here

Registrations

The Longest Day of the Year is here and also so are summer camps and classes. A quick online search brought up Horse Back riding, Steam, Sports, Swimming and other camps that are now main stream. Just a few years ago, camps were just sports, swimming and maybe some camping but today virtually all bets are on that your hobby can be enjoyed with others in a CAMP.



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Parents, work along with your kids and see what camp best suits both of you.

Next week we will highlight many more camp to help you with your choice. We will also post pictures of the joy and fun at the camps.

OFFICIAL STATEMENT FROM THE NATIONAL HEALTH INSURANCE (NHI)

June 8th, 2026 - The National Health Insurance (NHI) is aware that media houses and social media blogs have sought, whether deliberately or through ignorance, to connect NHI to the tragic murder of Dr. Naun Bonilla and the subsequent arrests of two suspects. Any attempt to associate NHI's procurement and contracting activities with the circumstances surrounding Dr. Bonilla's death is inaccurate, unfounded, and misleading.

As part of NHI's strategic objective to expand healthcare coverage throughout Belize, the Cayo District represents the final District to be incorporated into the NHI program. In furtherance of this objective, NHI publicly opened its tender process in February 2025, inviting interested services providers to submit expressions of interest to the Social Security Board Headquarters no later than 4:00 pm on February 18th, 2025.

Among the interested applicants was Belmopan Medical Laboratory Services, which duly submitted an Expression of Interest.

On February 19th, 2026, contracts were signed with the successful Primary Care Providers (clinics). A three-month period is given for the clinics to start to register members and contract necessary staff so that they could start providing services by the end of June 2026. During this period, price and product negotiations with the support services (imaging, laboratories and pharmacies) took place and it is during this phase that it was brought to our attention that there was an ongoing business dispute between the two co-owners of Belmopan Medical Laboratory Services. Both co-owners were informed that the contract with the entity would not be signed due to the ongoing legal dispute. (release)



REQUEST FOR BIDS (RFB) WORKS - (DESIGN AND BUILD) DESIGN AND BUILD FOR COROZAL TOWN ST. PAUL'S BOARDWALK

Institution: Ministry of Finance
Country: Belize, Central America
Project: Sustainable and Inclusive Urban Development Program
Process ID: BL-L1046-P00037
Deadline: July 20, 2026; 10:00 a.m. (Local Belize Time)

The Government of Belize has received loan financing from the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB) for the implementation of the Sustainable and Inclusive Urban Development Program.

The Ministry of Finance, through its Central Executing Unit, intends to allocate a portion of the Program's proceeds to procure the works for the "Design and Build for Corozal Town St. Paul's Boardwalk".

The Ministry of Finance invites interested companies to access the full version of this RFB online at <https://mof.gov.bz/procurement-opportunities/> or by scanning the QR code below, and to submit their Bid in accordance with the instructions provided in the full version.

ATTN:
Procurement Specialist
Ministry of Finance
2nd Floor, Sir Edney Cain Building, Belmopan
Tel: 501-822-4106
procurement@ceu.mof.gov.bz



INVITATION TO BID

Institution: MINISTRY OF SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT, CLIMATE CHANGE & SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT, GOVERNMENT OF BELIZE.
Tender: Supply of Rolls of Polyethene (PE) Reinforced Dual-Layer Coating Tarpaulins

The Government of Belize (GOB), through the Belize Solid Waste Management Authority within the Ministry of Sustainable Development, Climate Change & Solid Waste Management, invites qualified and reputable companies to submit proposals for the **Rolls of Polyethene (PE) Reinforced Dual-Layer Coating Tarpaulins, totalling a minimum area of 24,000 sqm with an allowable variance of +2%**

Bidding Details: The full bidding document, which includes detailed specifications of the required Polyethene Dual-Layer Coating Tarp and instructions for the submission process, can be obtained by sending a request to:

- **Email:** procurement.officer@environment.gov.bz
- **CC:** procurement.asst@environment.gov.bz

Deadline for Submission: June 19th, 2026, no later than 10:00 AM

Submissions received after the deadline will not be considered. The Ministry reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids without obligation or explanation.

Belize Secures CDB Funding Climate Resilience & Disaster Preparedness

In addition to assuming the Chairmanship of the CDB Board of Governors, Belize secured BZ\$20.2 million in grant financing to strengthen Belize’s climate resilience and disaster preparedness during the 56th Meeting of the Caribbean Development Bank (CDB) in Nassau, The Bahamas. The funding forms part of the Green Climate Fund (GCF)-supported regional project, Scaling Up of Caribbean Hydrometeorological and Multi-Hazard Early Warning Services (CREWS) in Belize and Trinidad and Tobago.

The grant will support the upgrade of radar and forecasting infrastructure, the development of impact-based forecasting systems, the enhancement of institutional capacity for disaster risk reduction, and the integration of climate information services across key sectors.

During bilateral meetings with representatives of the Green Climate

Fund and the Caribbean Development Bank, Minister Martinez and his delegation expressed appreciation for their continued partnership and support. The Government of Belize recognizes the important role both institutions play in advancing initiatives that strengthen national resilience and help safeguard communities from the growing impacts of climate change.

The delegation was led by Dr. Hon. Osmond Martinez, Alternate Governor to the CDB and Minister of State in the Ministry of Economic Transformation. It also included Mr. Carlos Pol, Director on the CDB Board of Directors and Chief Executive Officer in the Ministry of Economic Transformation; Mr. Henry Anderson, Chief Executive Officer of the Development Finance Corporation; Mr. Jerdie King, Economist in the Ministry of Economic Transformation, and Mr. Michael Rudon, Director of the Government of Belize Press Office. (release)



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PUBLIC NOTICE

APPLICATION FOR INDIVIDUAL SPECTRUM AUTHORIZATION PURSUANT TO SECTION 18 OF THE TELECOMMUNICATIONS ACT, CHAPTER 229 (p. 1)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Access Communications Limited, an EDGE Cloud Enterprise, a company duly incorporated under the Laws of Belize and headquartered in Belmopan, has applied to the Public Utilities Commission (PUC) for a Spectrum Authorization to support critical business and social infrastructure services within the City of Belmopan and surrounding areas (p. 1).

NATURE OF THE APPLICATION: The applicant intends to deploy a high-performance CORD POD (Central Office Re-architected as a Datacenter) and HFC-based DAA (Distributed Access Architecture) network (p. 1). This infrastructure is specifically engineered to support the Government of Belize’s National Digital Agenda, including (p. 1):

- Healthcare & Elderly Monitoring: Low-latency channels for real-time medical IoT and elderly home-care patient monitoring (p. 1).
- Utility Modernization: Smart Grid/AMI support for Belize Electricity Limited (BEL), Belize Water & Sewage Limited (BWSL) using high-penetration 900 MHz frequencies (p. 1).
- Digital Transformation: High-capacity 5.5 GHz and 6 GHz bands for residential, businesses, government e-services, localized enterprise cloud processing, and public access (p. 1).

TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS OF PROPOSED SPECTRUM:

The requested frequency bands, configurations, and expanded operational purposes are designated below (p. 1):

Frequency Band	Center Frequency	Occupied Bandwidth	Purpose
900 MHz (Sub-GHz)	903.5 MHz / 915.0 MHz	1 MHz / 400 kHz	Smart Metering & Long-Range IoT: Optimized for deep building penetration and long-distance telemetry; directly supports automated smart grid infrastructure, remote telemetry, and utility advanced metering (p. 1).
2.4 GHz (ISM)	2462.0 MHz (CH 11)	20 MHz	Legacy CCTV & Embedded Medical Devices: Reserved for high-compatibility localized data links, providing dedicated channels for vital medical diagnostics, public safety video capture, and low-speed sensor integration (p. 1).
5.5 GHz (U-NII-2C/3)	5500 MHz / 5745 MHz	40 MHz / 80 MHz	High-Density Wi-Fi & Fixed Wireless Access: Deployed to establish wide-area high-throughput municipal wireless zones, secure corporate/government campus internet distribution, and enterprise edge cloud access layers.
6 GHz (U-NII 5/7)	5945 MHz / 6585 MHz	160 MHz / 320 MHz	Wi-Fi 6E/7 Carrier-Grade Connectivity: Ultra-wide channels designated for low-latency data center replication, high-capacity wireless fiber-to-the-node (FTTN) backhauls, and congestion-free high-speed cloud computation pipelines (p. 1).

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Any person or entity who wishes to make representations or objections regarding this application may do so in writing to the Public Utilities Commission (p. 1).

Submissions should be addressed to (p. 1):

The Executive Chairman
Public Utilities Commission (PUC) (p. 1)
P.O. Box 408, 41 Gabourel Lane, Belize City, Belize (p. 1)
Email: info@puc.bz | Website: www.puc.bz (p. 1)

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION:

All representations must be received within fourteen (14) days of the date of this publication (p. 1).



REQUEST FOR BIDS (RFB) WORKS (DESIGN AND BUILD)

DESIGN AND BUILD FOR COROZAL TOWN PUBLIC SPACES & FACILITIES

Institution: Ministry of Finance
Country: Belize, Central America
Project: Sustainable and Inclusive Urban Development Program
Process ID: BL-L1046-P00039
Deadline: July 20, 2026; 1:00 p.m. (Belize Time)

The Government of Belize has received loan financing from the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB) for the implementation of the Sustainable and Inclusive Urban Development Program.

The Ministry of Finance, through its Central Executing Unit, intends to allocate a portion of the Program’s proceeds to procure the services of a Company for the “Design and Build for Corozal Town (Design and Upgrade of Mother’s Park, Children’s Park, Basketball Court and Amphitheatre, Seaside Pathway, Fisherman’s Pier, Municipal Pier).”

The Ministry of Finance invites interested companies to access the full version of this RFB online at <https://mof.gov.bz/procurement-opportunities/> or by scanning the QR code below, and to submit their Bid in accordance with the instructions provided in the full version.



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Courtesy Visit
Taiwanese Ambassador - NICH
Belize’s Cultural Development and Other



The President of NICH, Mr. Albert Vaughan, and team had a productive courtesy visit with Ambassador Amino C. Y. Chi of the Republic of China (Taiwan) at the NICH Office in Belize City.

The exchange covered Taiwan’s valued support of Belize’s cultural development, NICH’s national priorities, and exciting areas for future cultural cooperation.

- Representing NICH:
- **Albert Vaughan** - *President, NICH*
 - **Eluide Miller** - *Administrator, NICH & Deputy Mayor of Belize City*
 - **Yasser Musa** - *Advisor to the Hon. Francis Fonseca, Ministry of Culture*
 - **Jaylan Craig** - *Member, NICH Board of Directors*
 - **Rolando Cocom** - *Director, ISCR-NICH*

Representing the Republic of China (Taiwan):

- Ambassador Amino C. Y. Chi
- Mars Wang Deputy Counselor

We appreciate the strong friendship between our two countries and remain committed to advancing cultural diplomacy and development. (post)





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Salvation Army Primary School

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(Amara Avenue)

Collet
Unity Presbyterian Primary School

Albert
Grace Primary School
(Amara Avenue)

Queen Square
Queen Square Anglican Primary School

Maud Williams High School

Pickstock (North)
Buttonwood Bay Nazarene Primary School

Central Christian Primary School

Pickstock (South)
St. Martin De Porres Primary School

St. Luke Methodist Primary School

Lake Independence
St. Martin De Porres Primary School

St. Luke Methodist Primary School

Inspiration Centre
(Special Needs)

Sadie Vernon Technical
High School

Freetown
All Saints Primary School

Buttonwood Bay Nazarene Primary School

Special Education Unit
(Special Needs)

Caribbean Shores
Teachers’ College
(University of Belize Education Campus)

Trinity Methodist Primary

Nazarene High School

Fort George
Pallotti High School

Holy Redeemer R.C. Primary School

Queen Street Baptist Primary School

Port Loyola
St. John’s Vianney Primary School

Remain updated with information shared by CEMO, NEMO and National Met Service.



Ministry of Constitution & Religious Affairs,
Indigenous Affairs & Transportation

Unit 2, 3rd Floor, 1902 Constitution Drive
Belmopan City, Belize
Tel. 501-822-2519, 828-5002
Email : PROfficer.myst@gobmail.gov.bz

June 4, 2026

INVITATION TO QUOTE
No. 001/26

The **Constitution & Religious Affairs, Indigenous Affairs & Transportation** through the Department of Transport, kindly requests quotations Biometric Cards with serial number, License Plates, and Vehicle License Stickers.

The Ministry now extends an invitation to Suppliers to tender for the below listed items:

GOODS	QUANTITY
Biometric Cards with Serial Numbers	30,000
License Sticker	50,000
License Plates	13,000

Interested bidders may submit a complete set of bidding documents inclusive of Specifications to the below physical address. Bids must also include a copy of **Certificates of Good Standing** from the **Belize Companies Registry**, the **Belize Tax Service** and the **Belize Social Security Board**. (Kindly see full bidding documents at https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/17QyuCHUY5iEZXRVoDcVBECRUbId_ABc6?usp=drive_link

The deadline for submission of sealed bids is Tuesday **23rd June 2026, at 12:00 noon**, via direct mail or hand delivered to the address indicated below:

Mr. Leon Gentle
Chief Transport Officer
Ministry of Constitution and Religious Affairs, Indigenous Affairs and Transportation
2nd Floor, William Tom Building, Mountain View Blvd.
Belmopan City, Belize C.A.
Ref: INVITATION TO QUOTE (No DOT 001/26)

Note that late submissions will be rejected.

DOE HOSTS IAEA EXPERT MISSION SAFE MANAGEMENT OF RADIOACTIVE SOURCES

The Department of the Environment (DOE), within the Ministry of Sustainable Development, Climate Change and Solid Waste Management, with the support of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MFA), successfully held an in-country expert visit from the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) from June 1–4, 2026. This visit is part of the Ministry’s ongoing efforts to meet its obligations under Belize’s Radiation Safety and Security Act, 2020, as well as the country’s commitments under the Code of Conduct on the Safety and Security of Radioactive Sources. The Code requires States to take measures to ensure that radioactive sources within their territory are safely managed and securely protected throughout their useful life and after they are no longer in use.

As Belize continues to promote the peaceful use of nuclear technology for the benefit of its people in the agricultural, construction, and medical sectors, it ensures that the safe and secure management of disused sealed radioactive sources (DSRS) remains a national priority. To support this objective, the DOE and the Ministry are working toward the development of a national strategy and action plan for the safe storage and management of these sources, including the identi-

cation of a suitable centralized storage location until a long-term solution can be established. During the visit, IAEA experts, together with DOE-certified personnel, went to several facilities across the country that possess disused sealed radioactive sources. The team assessed existing storage arrangements and provided recommendations to strengthen both the immediate and long-term management of these materials.

The DOE will work toward implementing the recommendations provided by the IAEA and will seek to facilitate a follow-up in-country visit focused on the establishment of a centralized temporary storage facility for the management of disused sealed radioactive sources in Belize. The human and environmental benefits of this activity are to ensure that all possible exposures are avoided and eliminated for health and ecological reasons.

The Department of the Environment extends its sincere appreciation to all stakeholders who participated in and supported the visit. Their collaboration is critical as Belize continues to strengthen its national framework for radiation safety and security and foster a culture of safety in the management of radioactive sources throughout the country. **(release)**

BELIZE WELCOMES FIRST NON CARBON EMISSION VESSEL

On Tuesday May 5th, Hon Gilroy Usher Minister of State for Public Utilities, Energy, and Logistics was the guest speaker at the welcoming ceremony for the first visit to Belize City of the Fortescue Green Pioneer, the world’s first ocean vessel, that’s powered with ammonia and diesel, as part of its educational tour of several Caribbean countries.



By operating with those two gases, the vessel releases zero carbon dioxide.

That is a major achievement, because while carbon dioxide is essential for natural regulation, excessive

amount of it from human activities leads to global warming and severe climate change which are harmful to the natural environment in countless ways. This includes unexpected high sea levels and very unhealthy air pollution.

Distinguished guests at the ceremony included members of the diplomatic corps, representatives of Belize Port Authority, the Ministry of Public Utilities, Energy, and Logistics, the Belize City Council, BEL, BWS, BTL, Port of Belize, IDB, and numerous auto sales companies.



The welcoming ceremony was held onboard the vessel by Belize Port Authority Belize, which coordinated the visit.



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Vacancy Announcement

TEMPORARY APPOINTMENT OF NATIONAL PROJECT COORDINATOR BELIZE
Only nationals or permanent residents of the country of the duty station are considered eligible.
Female candidates are encouraged to apply.

UNIDO welcomes applications from qualified persons with disabilities. Reasonable accommodation will be provided to applicants and employees with disabilities to support full participation in the recruitment process and in the performance of their duties.

ORGANIZATIONAL CONTEXT

The United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO) is the specialized agency of the United Nations that promotes industrial development for poverty reduction, inclusive globalization and environmental sustainability. The mission of UNIDO is to promote and accelerate inclusive and sustainable industrial development (ISID) in Member States.

PROJECT CONTEXT

Project 240163 “Industrial development and technology transfer among the Member States of the Caribbean Community.”

UNIDO aims to contribute to industrial development and technology transfer among the CARICOM Member States with advanced technology and knowledge. The project will have three (3) pillars: 1) investment and business promotion, 2) technology transfer in the agro-industrial sector, and 3) industrial structure analysis and policy-making capacity development. The project will enhance the policymaking capacity of the Belizean policy ecosystem, and in particular that of Government of Belize. Apart from developing the policy capacity, the output, together with the Government of Belize, will produce an industrial policy focusing on green and blue economy.

The policy activities are structured in three main domains:

- 1) The setting up of policy infrastructure consisting of a Policy Support Unit (PSU), a coordination unit to ensure inter-ministerial policy alignment, and the creation of a stakeholder platform to ensure that all relevant stakeholders in the policy process are included and have a chance to influence the process.
- 2) Capacity building activities for evidence-based policy making, targeting all relevant stakeholders in the policymaking process. These activities may include awareness raising, technical training, study tours, and participation in international fora such as UNIDO’s Multilateral Industrial Policy Forum (MIPF).
- 3) Direct policy advice with the goal of delivering an industrial policy, attendant policy instruments, policy implementation plan, and a monitoring and evaluation (M&E) framework. Importantly, these items will be produced by UNIDO together with the Government of Belize, to ensure capacity development through learning- by-doing techniques.

FUNCTIONAL RESPONSIBILITIES

Under the direct supervision of the Project Manager and close cooperation with the project team in the HQ and field location including the Belize Ministry of Investment (Investment Policy and Compliance Unit) through its director, the expert will be responsible for the performance of the following main duties:

- Lead the development of Belize’s green and blue Industrial Policy, including attendant policy instruments and policy implementation plan with budget estimate, and an M&E framework with pertinent KPIs in alignment with UNIDO methodologies, international best practice and national policy priorities;
- Coordinate the execution of all activities leading to the successful drafting of the industrial policy based on established strategic goals for Belize, including quality control and monitoring; drafting and assist in coordinating the dissemination of press releases, media appearances and presentations to stakeholders of project activities;
- Conduct economic and industrial sector analysis to inform policy; recommendations;
- Support the UNIDO Project Manager in the recruitment of a national analytical policy support team comprised of 2-3 national experts. This includes preparation of ToRs for prospective team members, onboarding and operationalization of the team;
- Prepare reports (e.g. mid-term) and technical documentation related to the development process of the green and blue industrial policy;

Concrete/measurable Outputs to be achieved are:

- Final draft of Belize’s green and blue industrial policy, set of attendant policy instruments, policy implementation plan, and monitoring and evaluation framework delivered.
- Project activities, implemented in close collaboration with national counterparts at a high standard and with results- based approach.
- Analytical policy team established and operational.

MINIMUM ORGANIZATIONAL REQUIREMENTS

Education: Advanced university degree (master’s degree or equivalent) in economics, development studies, public policy, or other relevant discipline is **required**.

Technical and Functional Experience:

- At least seven (7) years of professional experience in coordinating the implementation of development/technical cooperation programmes/projects/policy formulation, is **required**.
- Strong understanding of Belize’s economic structure, productive sectors, and policy environment or similar country in the region is **required**.
- Experience in evidence-based analysis, industrial policy, or sector development is **required**.
- Knowledge and familiarity of UNIDO’s industrial policy methodology is desirable.
- Experience in policy formulation is **required**.
- Proven ability to coordinate teams and manage policy research processes is **desirable**.
- Experience/knowledge of other development agencies, donor communities, private sectors, government and relevant institutions in the country, or similar country in the region is **desirable**.

Languages: Fluency in written and spoken English is required. Fluency and/or working knowledge of Spanish is **desirable**.

Contract Duration: 21 working days per month (12 months)

Application deadline: 11-Jun-2026, 11:59 PM (Vienna, Austria time)

Visit the UNIDO website for details on how to apply: www.unido.org

<https://careers.unido.org/job/Belize-National-Project-Coordinator/1347578655/>

Should you have any questions concerning persons or companies claiming to be recruiting on behalf of UNIDO and requesting payment of a fee, please contact: recruitment@unido.org.

For more information contact:

Investment Policy & Compliance Unit

Ministry of Investment

BelizeInvestment@invest.gov.bz

880-4728/880-4729

<https://invest.gov.bz/>

TENDER NOTICE
Request for Bids (RFB) for Non-Consulting Services

PROVISION OF SECURITY AND SURVEILLANCE SERVICES FOR THE
BELIZE SENIOR COURTS AND RELATED FACILITIES

The Senior Courts of Belize invites sealed bids from eligible and qualified licensed security companies for the provision of general security, surveillance, and related security support services for the Belize Senior Courts and associated facilities, for a period of two (2) years, commencing **1st August, 2026 – 31st July, 2028**

The security services shall cover the following locations and assignment:

1. **Senior Court Building** - Belize City

2. **Old Treasury Building** -Belize City

3. **Court of Appeal and Supreme Court Law Library Building** - Belize City

4. **Old National Bank Building** -Belize City
5. **Chief Justice’s Residence** – Belize City

6. **Residences of the Justices of the Senior Courts** (7) – Belize City

7. **Residences of the Justices of the Senior Courts** (2) – Belmopan City

8. **Daily bank deposits for the General Registry Department** – Belize City

Scope of Services

The services shall include, but not be limited to, access control, surveillance, monitoring of assigned premises, protection of personnel and property, incident reporting, crowd control where necessary, support to court security operations, and secure escort services for daily bank deposits.

Except for the daily bank deposits for the General Registry Department, all security services required under this tender shall be provided by unarmed security personnel. Armed security shall be required only for the daily bank deposit assignment. The winning company will be required to submit valid police records for all listed/ proposed guards under this contract.

The successful bidder shall be required to provide security and surveillance services as follows:

NO	Location/Assignment	Type of Security	Number of Guards	Days Required	Hours Required
1	Senior Court Building	Unarmed	7 Guards	Monday to Friday	6:00am to 6:00pm
		Unarmed	2 Guards	7 Days per Week	6:00pm to 6:00am
		Unarmed	2 Guards	Weekends	6:00am to 6:00pm
2	Old Treasury Building	Unarmed	3 Guards	Monday to Friday	6:00am to 6:00pm
		Unarmed	2 Guards	7 Days per week	6:00pm to 6:00am
3	Old Treasury Building Cashier	Unarmed	1 Guard	Monday to Thursday	8:00am to 5:00pm
		Unarmed	1 Guard	Friday	8:00am to 4:30pm
4	Old National Bank Building	Unarmed	2 Guards	7 Days per week	24-hour Security
5	Chief Justice's Residence	Unarmed	1 Guard	7 Days per week	24-hour Security
6	Residence of the Justices of the Senior Courts	Unarmed	7 Guards (Belize City) 2 Guards (Belmopan City)	7 Days per week	12-hour Security (6pm to 6am)
7	Daily Bank Deposits for the General Registry Department	Armed Escort/Service	Daily	Daily (Not Including Public and Bank Holidays)	For secure movement and deposit of funds

The coverage requirements stated above include public and bank holidays. Bidders must, therefore, ensure that their proposed staffing plan and financial proposal fully account for service requirements on such days.

Eligibility and Minimum Requirements

Interested bidders must submit evidence of the following requirements:

1. **A company profile** outlining the company’s history, expertise, and qualifications, years of operation.

2. Valid **Trade License** (where applicable)

3. **Certificate of Incorporation/Detailed Extract**

4. Valid **Certificates of Good Standing** from the Belize Tax Service, the Social Security Board and the Belize Companies and Corporate Affairs Registry

5. **A list of proposed armed personnel** with their valid **firearm licences** for the **bank deposit assignment**

6. Employer’s **Liability Insurance**

7. Public Liability and/or Third-Party Liability Insurance (Related to the duties carried out by Security Personnel)

8. **A list of contracts** with **existing** or previous customers with whom similar work has been conducted, particularly from government agencies or other large companies/ organizations detailing **period of service; description of service.**

9. List three (3) reference letters from past clients with contact information.

10. Proposed methodology of supervision and reporting arrangements (**Work schedule and approach, including staffing and deployment plan for all locations, guard capacity, and armed security capacity for daily bank deposits and emergency response and incidental reporting procedures.**)

11. **Financial proposal** showing the cost of services for the full two-year period in line with template below. **Inclusive of contract tax and GST**

Site Visits

Bidders may be required to visit the facilities to be guarded to properly assess the requirements and prepare their bids. The cost incurred to visit the facilities and to prepare and submit bids shall be the sole responsibility of the bidder.

Submission of Bids

Bids must be submitted for the entire scope of services. Bids submitted for partial scope of services will be disqualified.
Bid prices must be in Belize Dollars and include all applicable taxes.
Bids must be submitted in sealed envelopes clearly marked:

“BID FOR SECURITY SERVICES FOR THE BELIZE SENIOR COURTS AND RELATED FACILITIES”

One(1) original and two (2) copies of Bids must be delivered no later than: **Friday 19th June, 2026 at 4:30 p.m. Belize Time to:**

Finance Officer
Belize Senior Courts
Treasury Lane
Belize City, Belize

Late bids will not be accepted and will be returned unopened.
The lowest-priced bid will not necessarily be accepted.

Clarifications

Requests for clarification must be submitted by email to **financeofficer@belizejudiciary.org** no later than

Reservation of Rights

The Senior Court reserves the right to cancel this tender process at any time without providing any explanation and without incurring any cost.

Training Initiative

“Engaging Men and Boys to Advance Gender Equality and Help Prevent Gender-Based Violence”

At the end of last month, The Spouses of CARICOM Leaders Action Network (SCLAN) Belize, and the Office of the Special Envoy for the Development of Families and Children, continued its “Engaging Men and Boys to Advance Gender Equality and Help Prevent Gender-Based Violence” training initiative at Sacred Heart College, Cayo.

- During this session, 30 students successfully completed two EMB training modules focused on:
- 1. Domestic Violence & Gender-Based Violence
 - 2. Building Healthy Relationships

Through education, awareness, and meaningful dialogue, we remain committed to empowering young people to become advocates for respect, equality, and violencefree communities. (post)

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Hierva el agua durante 1-5 minutos antes de beber.







1-5 min

OR

Treat water with unscented bleach.

Trate el agua con lejia sin perfume.

1/2 teaspoon bleach per 5 gallons of water





5 gal.

OR

8 drops of bleach per 1 gallon of water





1 gal.

Mix in well

Wait 30 minutes

Close container





30 min





5 gal.

1 gal.









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June 5 - It was an exciting and productive week as we connected with travel advisors from across the industry who were eager to learn more about everything Belize has to offer. The destination captured the attention of both advisors seeking unique and authentic experiences for their clients and members of the media looking for compelling travel stories.

The event was filled with engaging conversations, valuable new connections, and growing enthusiasm for the diverse experiences that make Belize so special. From thrilling adventures and world-class diving to pristine beaches, rich culture, and immersive local experiences, Belize continues to



stand out as a destination that offers something for every traveler. (BTB post)

Limited Edition/Miami is an exclusive, invite-only travel trade festival dedicated to the high-end contemporary and lifestyle travel market. Held annually in South Beach, Miami Beach, it connects luxury hotels, travel designers, and industry media through pre-scheduled 1:1 meetings and immersive networking events.



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26 JUNE, 2026

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The Ministry of Health & Wellness advises that scholarship opportunities exist for:

- **Clinical Psychology**
(MASTERS - 2 SPACES AVAILABLE)
- **Biomedical Engineering**
(BACHELORS - 4 SPACES AVAILABLE)

Scan the QR code for more information on eligibility and how to apply.



Applications open to:
Belizean citizens only
Deadline Extended to:
June 30, 2026



Government of
BELIZE



Festival of Arts 2026

Color and Talent All Over



Government of Belize
CARICOM Development Fund Cycle 3
Consultancy Services for the Design and Supervision of Infrastructure Works for the
CDF Cycle 3, Education Sub Projects.
Request for Expressions of Interest

The **Government of Belize (GOBZ)** may receive financing from the CARICOM Development Fund (CDF) towards the cost of financing the CARICOM Development Fund Cycle 3 Project and intends to apply a portion of the proceeds of this financing to eligible payments under a contract for which this invitation is issued. Payments by CDF will be made only at the request of GOBZ and upon approval by CDF and will be subject in all respects to the terms and conditions of the Financing Agreement. The Financing Agreement prohibits withdrawal from the financing account for the purpose of any payment to persons or entities, or for any import of goods, if such payment or import, to the knowledge of CDF, is prohibited by a decision of the United Nations Security Council taken under Chapter VII of the Charter of the United Nations. No party other than GOBZ shall derive any rights from the Financing Agreement or have any claim to the proceeds of the Financing.

The Belize Social Investment Fund (BSIF) is the Executing Agency (EA) of this project, now wishes to procure consultancy services for the following:

1. Consultancy Services for the Design and Supervision of Infrastructure Works for the Proposed St. Francis Xavier R.C. Primary and Pre-Primary School Construction, Corozal Town, Corozal, Belize
2. Consultancy Services for the Design and Supervision of Infrastructure Works for the Proposed Improved Access to Enhanced Primary Education Services for the Children of San Antonio RC Primary and Pre-Primary School, San Antonio Village, Corozal, Belize
3. Consultancy Services for the Design and Supervision of Infrastructure Works for the Proposed Our Lady of Guadalupe RC Primary School Construction, City of Belmopan, Belize

The objective of the consultancies is to provide consulting engineering services that encompass the engineering design and construction supervision services for the construction of:

1. St. Francis Xavier Primary and Pre-Primary School, Corozal Town, Corozal District, Belize.
2. San Antonio RC Primary and Pre-Primary School, San Antonio Village, Corozal District, Belize.
3. Our Lady of Guadalupe RC School, City of Belmopan, Cayo District, Belize.

Further details and the Draft Terms of Reference can be made available upon request by contacting **Address 1** below. The duration of the assignment is expected to be for a period of approximately thirty-six (36) nonconsecutive months.

The BSIF now invites interested eligible consulting firms to submit Expressions of Interest (EOI) for the provision of these consultancy services. Consultants shall be eligible to participate if:

- (a) in the case of the body corporate, it is legally incorporated or otherwise organized in an eligible country, has its principal place of business in an eligible country and is more than 50% beneficially owned by a citizen(s) and/or bona fide resident(s) of an eligible country(ies) or by a body(ies) corporate meeting these requirements;
- (b) in the case of unincorporated firms, the persons are citizens or bona fide residents of an eligible country; and
- (c) in all cases, the consultant has no arrangement and undertakes not to make any arrangements, whereby any substantial part of the net profits or other tangible benefits of the contract will accrue or be paid to a person not a citizen or bona fide resident of an eligible country.

Eligible countries are member countries of CDF. Consultants are advised to review the detailed eligibility criteria detailed in Section 1.06 and conflict of interest provisions of the Procurement Procedures for Projects Financed by CDF (May 2010).

In the assessment of submissions, consideration will be given to consulting firms' technical competence, qualifications and experience in relation to providing detailed design and supervision services on education infrastructure projects, as well as local and regional experience, financial capability (liquidity ratio) and existing commitments. Key Experts will not be evaluated at the shortlisting stage.

Interested consultant teams are required to submit their Expression of Interest using the "EOI Consulting firms template" which can be made available upon request by contacting **Address 1** below.

All information must be submitted in **English**. Further information may be obtained from the address 1 below between the hours of 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Monday to Friday (Belize Time), except on Public Holidays.

The Expression of Interest must be received electronically at the address below no later than **2:00 p.m. (Belize time) on June 24 th 2026**. The subject line of the email containing each submission shall be clearly marked "**CDF3 - Expressions of Interest – Consultancy Services for the Design and Supervision of Infrastructure Works for CDF Cycle 3, Education Sub Projects.**"

Following the assessment of submissions, a short-list of not less than three (3) and not more than six (6) applicants will be provided with full terms of reference and invited to submit technical and financial proposals to undertake the assignment. GOBZ reserves the right to accept or reject late applications or to cancel the present invitation partially or in its entirety. It will not be bound to assign any reason for not short-listing any applicant and will not defray any costs incurred by any applicant in the preparation and submission of Expressions of Interest.

Addresses:

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DAD

By Hon Gilroy Usher



- 1 Dad leads the family with vision happily
- 2 And ensures food and discipline daily
- 3 Dad teaches us to save and to improvise
- 4 He reminds us of vigilance with our own eyes
- 5 Dad fills in for mom when the need is there
- 6 And built our house and other things with care



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- 1 Dad shows us the benefits of working as a team
- 2 He always encourages us to pursue our dream
- 3 Dad takes us to meet relatives in new places
- 4 His sound advice brings many happy faces
- 5 A man like that many families wish they had
- 6. He is the loving and caring father ,we call Dad



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Notice is hereby given that **Eric E. Chee** is applying for a **Shop Liquor License** to be operated at "**Servicell Belize**" located at # 7 Douglas Jones Street, Belize City, Belize District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Ernesto H. Lopez** is applying for a **Restaurant Liquor License** to be operated at "**Tot's Restaurant & Bar**" located in Valley of Peace Village, Cayo District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Kenneth K. Dart** is applying for a **Malt & Cider Liquor License** to be operated at "**D"Place**" located at Mile 73 Succotz Village, Cayo District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

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